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## Prescription Privileges for Licensed Psychologists — A Brief...

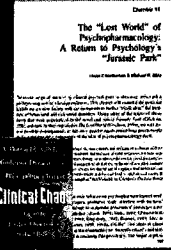
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## Early Concerns...

Appropriate Training  
Professional Identity  
& Safety...



1994



1997

## Major Changes, and a New Perspective

1996 - Recommended Post-Doctoral Training  
Psychopharmacology for Prescription Privileges



A Different Model of Care - Professional Identity  
Kept, and Amplified through Training Programs...

Wiggins, J. and Cummings, N. (1998). National Study of the Experience  
of Psychologists With Psychotropic Medication and Psychotherapy.  
*Professional Psychology: Research and Practice*, 29(6), 549-552.

## Answering the Call



Legislative Session  
Starts, And on  
January 2<sup>nd</sup>...an  
email appears...

- "Senator Weinberg has a bill draft request in for prescription privileges. LC2172
- This is the first I've heard of it. We need to decide what you want to do about it.
- My first thought is that someone should call Senator Weinberg (probably Dr. Bütz as the Legislative Chair) and ask him for a copy of the bill when it's drafted."

## Study the Issue

### Montana Psychological Association – Didn't Jump at the Chance..!

The issue was considered on a number of fronts,  
and numerous discussions ensued...

Board of Montana Psychological Association  
(MPA) was very cautious and deliberate in its  
considerations, and consulted with APA's  
leadership.

An online survey of association members was  
conducted to determine support.

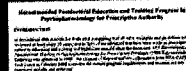
Not until February 7<sup>th</sup> did MPA offer its full  
support...

## Study the Issue

### Safety #1, Need #2

APA Guidelines on Required Training,  
Appropriate Training Institutions,  
National Exam, and  
100 Patients under Supervision.

*Then, the Need and the request to step forward to  
help...*



## After 2007...

Established an association with a training program,  
after research and a Board vote at MPA – Alliant  
International University/CSPP.

Trainings conducted here in Montana and online.

Roughly 8 Licensed Psychologists in one stage or  
another of training here in Montana.

And, the 2009 Legislative Session will begin shortly,  
with the important study matters on safety only  
becoming more and more sound.